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SUBJECT: US-ILO RELATIONS: APPLICATIONS OF CONVENTIONS

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1. MAY 3 CLC WORKING PARTY GROUP DISCUSSED ILO DIRECTOR
GENERAL BLANCHARD'S PROPOSAL (REFTEL) TO APPEAL TO JUNE
1978 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE TO AGREE TO TAKE NOTE
1978 REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION
OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CACR) RATHER THAN
CURRENT PRACTICE OF VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE TO ACCEPT
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CACR REPORT. THE CONSENSUS OF CLC MEMBERS, INCLUDING
AFL-CIO SECRETARY TREASURER LANE KIRKLAND, IS TO DISCOURAGE
BLANCHARD FROM PURSUING PLAN.

2. CLC MEMBERS FEEL PROPOSAL WOULD DENIGRATE WORK OF BOTH
CACR AND COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (COE). SINGLING OUT CACR
REPORT, WHICH MANY CONSIDER TO BE THE "CONSCIENCE OF THE

ILO," AS ONLY MAJOR REPORT NOT RECEIVING CONFERENCE APPROVAL, WOULD IN CLC VIEW REDUCE COE AND CACR TO BUREAU-CRATIC EXERCISES. MOREOVER, PROPOSAL WOULD DODGE IMPORTANT ISSUE AND DENY OPPORTUNITY FOR INDICATION OF POSITIVE CHANGE U.S. SEEKS IN ILO. U.S. OBJECTIVE

REMAINS TO SEE ILO SUPERVISION MACHINERY OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND OBJECTIVELY. THAT REQUIRES FULL DISCUSSION OF COE OBSERVATIONS IN CACR, PREPARATION OF BALANCE AND OBJECTIVE CACR REPORT, AND APPROVAL OF CACR REPORT BY CONFERENCE.

3. IN VIEW OF CLC OPPOSITION TO BLANCHARD INITIATIVE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR, AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, INFORM ILO DG THAT U.S. OPPOSED TO ALTERING THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF HAVING THE CONFERENCE VOTE ON CACR. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BLANCHARD AND HIS REACTIONS TO U.S. POSITION.

4. FOR PARIS: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO IRVING BROWN, STRESSING THAT AFL-CIO (KIRKLAND) CONCURS. CHRISTOPHER

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